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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Collection Requirements on Narcotics

1. The attached Memorandum for the Record from IRS/Human Resources Group outlines the current status of action on requirements for narcotics related information that I initiated last June. OER, OBG, and OCI analysts jointly prepared the detailed regional requirements. IRS has done a first rate job of coordinating this effort which will serve as a firm basis for future refinement as collection responses come in.

2. I anticipate that the new Inter-Agency Narcotics Intelligence Committee (INIC), chaired by BNDD and reporting to the new White House Working Group on Narcotics led by Egil Krogh, will be the primary means by which inter-agency coordination of requirements on narcotics will be managed in the future. I expect soon to get a clearer reading on the inter-relationship of the INIC and the White House Working Group and how these new groups expect to function and will report to you. [redacted] as asked me to represent CIA on the INIC which I will do with your concurrence. Initially, I expect that at least IRS and CRS will be directly involved with me in this matter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Current Status of Collection Requirements on Narcotics

1. In response to the expressed CIA commitment to provide an intelligence input targetted against the critical international narcotic problem as it affects the United States, the Human Resources Group, IRS coordinated the drafting of comprehensive collection requirements. Beginning about mid-June, contributions were solicited from DDI substantive components. By 19 July regional requirements were completed for the Middle East and South Asia, Europe and Latin America. Together with the requirements on the Far East, which were drafted earlier, this comprehensive package expresses the principal intelligence information needs for strategic research on the world opium and opium derivative situation.

2. At a July meeting of representatives from BNDD, DDP and IRS/HRG the draft requirements were discussed. [redacted] DCI Coordinator on Narcotics, made it clear that BNDD must actually sponsor the requirements and understand that CIA's role in narcotics intelligence is to assist BNDD in carrying out its mission. On 28 July, Mr. John Warner, Chief, Strategic Intelligence Office, BNDD notified [redacted] that his office had modified and approved the set of requirements and requested that CIA levy them on the collectors. Since BNDD has not yet established an appropriate staff, Mr. Ludlum requested that IRS/HRG continue to provide intelligence guidance support.

3. The comprehensiveness of the requirements and uncertainties relating to collection potential made the specific assignment of collection responsibility of separate sections infeasible at the Headquarters level. Coordination in the field in light of the local collection environment was considered a preferable alternative. In a 4 August discussion with IRS/HRG Department of State representatives including Mr. Nelson Gross, Senior Advisor to the Secretary on International Narcotics Matters, accepted the requirement package and agreed to forward it to appropriate embassies. The requirements were subsequently disseminated by airgram with the advice that collection should be coordinated in the field. This meeting also surfaced other proposed Staff/AID ad hoc requirements on the subject and provided the opportunity for appropriate coordination.

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4. The DDP also is apprising its stations of CIA's role in intelligence collection on narcotics and will levy the requirements for action or information as appropriate. The Domestic Contact Service and Foreign Broadcast Information Service also have accepted the requirements as has the Defense Intelligence Agency.

5. Concurrently with the coordination of the requirements package, the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee of USIB accepted from the CIA Member relevant items for inclusion in the IPC List. Also, the drug problem was reflected in the contributions to the Current Intelligence Reporting List.

6. The comprehensive intelligence guidance provided to date is regarded by IRS/HRG as but a first step, to be improved as experience is accumulated and the collection potential becomes more precisely identified. As the responsive reporting is reviewed, more specific ad hoc requirements will be levied against particular sources. At an appropriate time, an intelligence guidance document will be prepared, in concert with the analysts and collectors, aimed at providing more sophisticated intelligence guidance for collection. The newly created Interagency Narcotics ^{Intelligence} Committee may, in the future, provide an appropriate forum for the coordination of collection requirements at the Washington level.



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